

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) An image forming apparatus capable of being connected to a plurality of external apparatuses and performing image formations based on data sent from the external apparatuses, said image forming apparatus comprising:

a plurality of paper ejection trays for receiving sheets on which images are formed; and

a plurality of notifying units respectively disposed on the paper ejection trays or in the vicinity of the paper ejection trays, the notifying units being for notifying a user that the sheets are ejected to a plurality of paper ejection trays in response to at least one ejection instruction from the same external apparatus are present.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~[[An]] The~~ image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a controller which controls the notifying units.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~[[An]] The~~ image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein each of the notifying units is a display unit

4. (Currently Amended) ~~[[An]] The~~ image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein said controller controls a plurality of display units, that is corresponding to the

plurality of paper ejection trays receiving the sheets ejected in response to at least one ejection instruction from the same external apparatus, to display same display content to.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~[[An]]~~ The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the controller sends a content of the notification to the external apparatus that sent the at least one ejection instruction.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus ~~as claimed in claim 6~~ capable of being connected to a plurality of external apparatuses and performing image formations based on data sent from the external apparatuses, said image forming apparatus comprising:

a plurality of paper ejection trays for receiving sheets on which images are formed; and

notification means for notifying a user of a specific one of the paper ejection trays in which a last ejected sheet is present, wherein the ~~notifying~~ notification means comprises:

a plurality of notifying units respectively corresponding to the paper ejection trays; and

a controller, connected with the notifying units, for controlling the notifying units.

~~8. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 7,~~
wherein each of said notifying units is a display unit.

9. (Canceled)

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10. (Currently Amended) ~~An image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 9~~
capable of being connected to a plurality of external apparatuses and performing image
formations based on data sent from the external apparatuses, said image forming
apparatus comprising:

a plurality of paper ejection trays for receiving sheets on which images are
formed;

a control unit for, when the number of sheets required to execute an ejection
instruction from one of the external apparatuses exceeds a capacity of one of said paper
ejection trays, ejecting a part of sheets to one of said paper ejection tray and continuously
ejecting the remaining sheets to another paper ejection tray; and

notifying means for notifying a user of the paper ejection trays where the part of
sheets and the remaining sheets are present, wherein said notifying means includes a
plurality of display units respectively provided in correspondence with each paper
ejection [[trays]] tray.